

Management Plan Review

Marine Mammal Entanglement Working Group – Agenda

Date: 10 December 2003

Location: TPMC/Perot Systems, Scituate, MA

TIME	TOPICS AND OBJECTIVES
10:00-10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Round Robin (Name, Affiliation, Background, and Interests) <p>Objective: Familiarization with members. Discussion Leader: Regina Asmutis</p>
10:15-11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Are We Here <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of the Management Plan Review - The Working Group Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mechanics, Responsibilities, and Decision Making - Purpose and Structure of a Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How Does the Action Plan Fit into the Draft Management Plan? <p>Objective: Familiarize working group members with the management plan review process and the how's and why's of the working group. Discussion Leader: David Wiley</p>
11:15-12:00	<p>Presentation: History of baleen whale entanglement with a focus on the SBNMS and surrounding waters Objective: Familiarize working group members with baleen whale entanglements Presenter: David Morin, Center for Coastal Studies</p>
12:00-12:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch
12:45-1:15	<p>Presentation: Evidence of whales becoming entangled in the SBNMS Objective: Gain additional insights from instances when whales are suspected of becoming entangled while in the SBNMS Presenter: Mason Weinrich, Whale Center of New England</p>
1:15-1:45	<p>Presentation: Trends and potential impacts of entanglement on humpback whales Objective: Familiarize working group members with trends and possible impacts of entanglement of humpback whales Presenter: Jooke Robbins, Center for Coastal Studies</p>
1:45-2:15	<p>Presentation: Trends and potential impacts of entanglement on right whales Objective: Familiarize working group members with trends and possible impacts of entanglement of right Presenter: Lisa Conger, New England Aquarium</p>
2:15-2:30	<p>Break</p>
2:30-3:00	<p>Presentation: Spatial distribution of fixed fishing gear and baleen whales Objective: Identify areas that might be at increased risk for interaction between baleen whales and fixed fishing gear Presenter: David Wiley, SBNMS</p>
3:00-4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Table Discussion <p>Objective: Identify areas of agreement and recommendations for the SAC Discussion Leaders: R. Asmutis & D. Wiley</p>
4:00-4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting Schedule - Agenda for Meeting #2